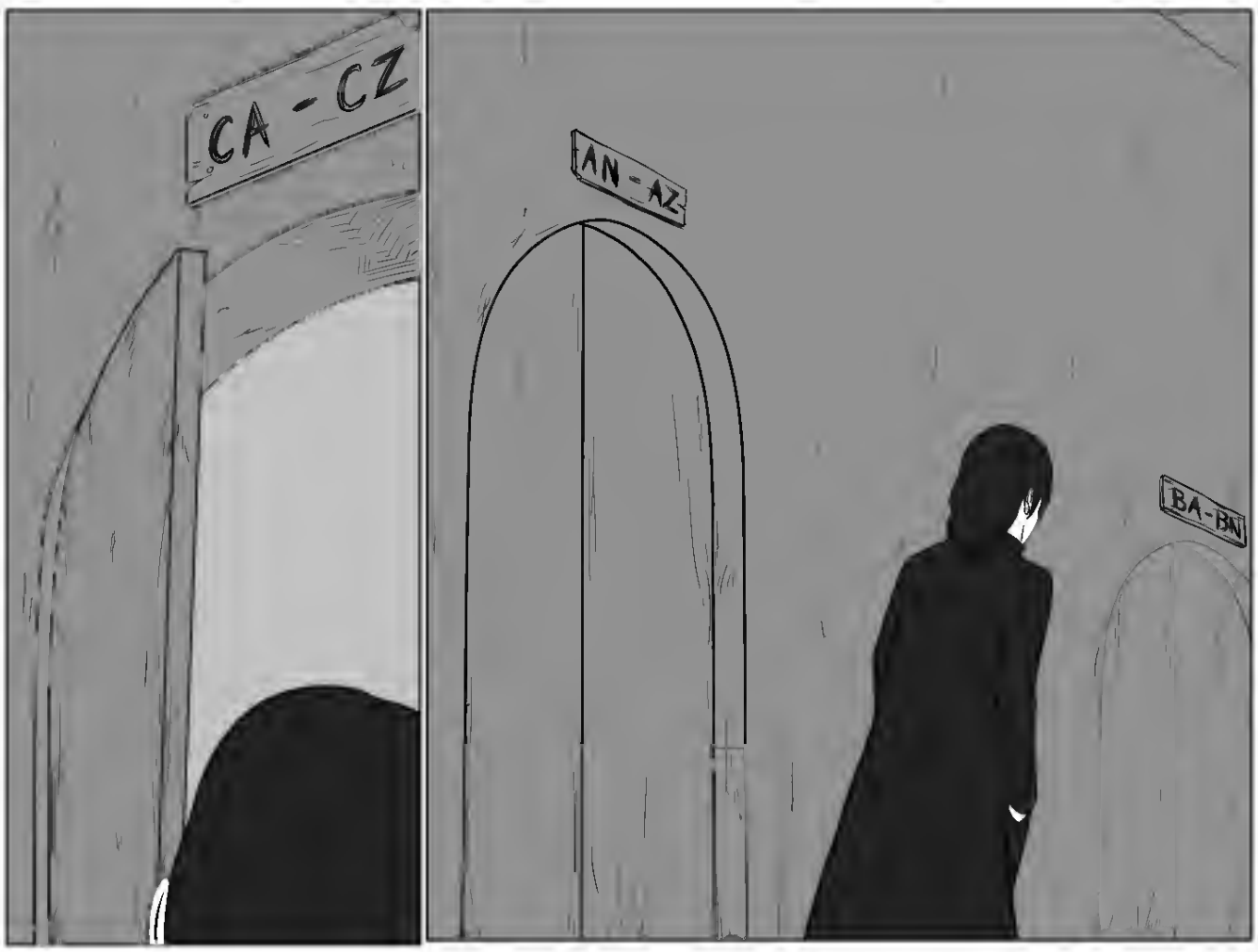
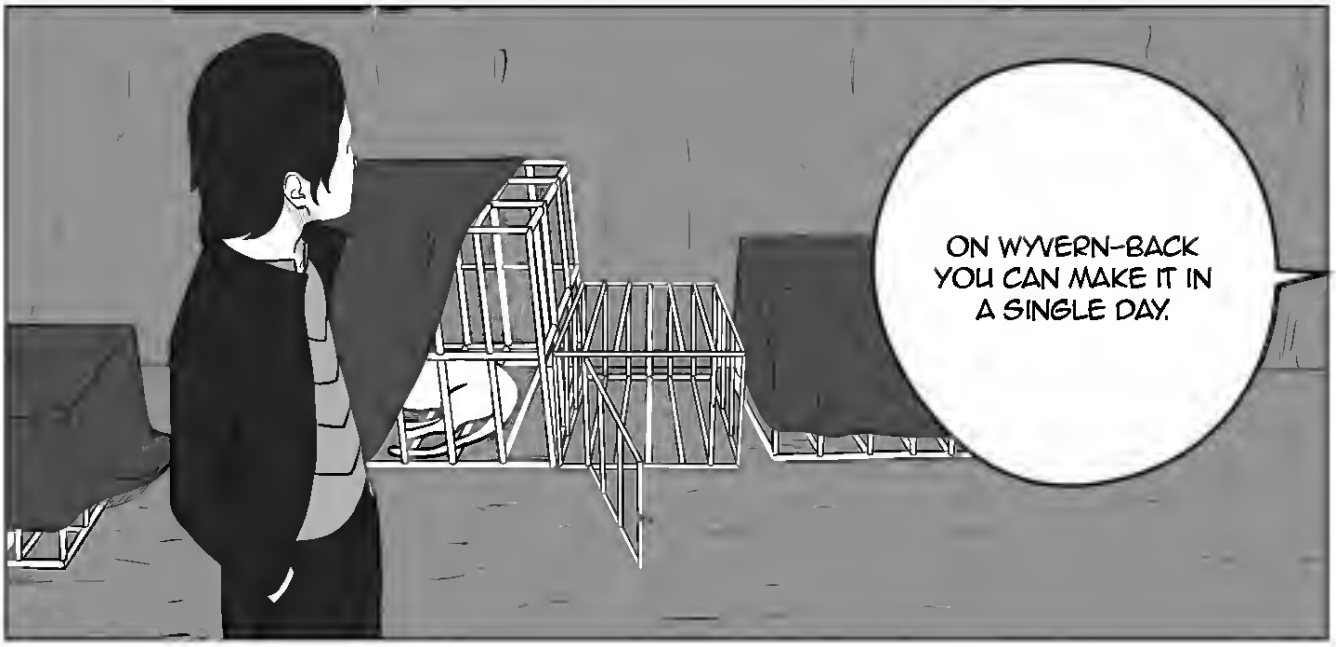
#2 - OF ENTRANCES AND ARRIVALS

PAGETURNER



SO IT WAS THE COCKATRICES.
I ASSUME YOU SAW THE LIGHT
SOMEONE'S SEALED THE ALPHA COCKATRICE.
TOWARDS THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THE HUMAN DOMAIN.
THEN I SHOULD BE HEADING TO...
THE FOREST BETWEEN DAMASCENT AND HERALDINE.


ON WYVERN-BACK YOU CAN MAKE IT IN A SINGLE DAY.

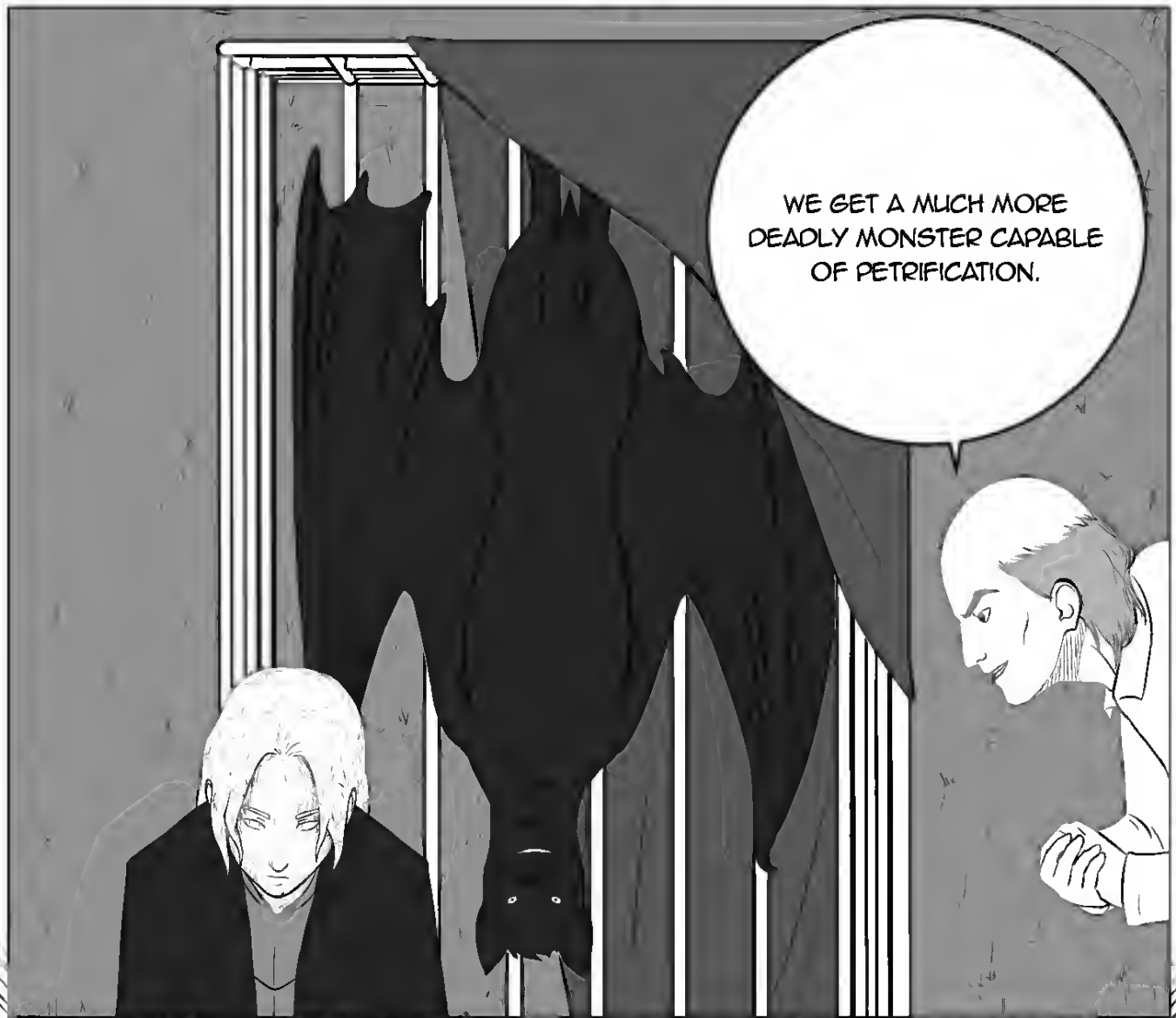
I'M NOT HUNTING THE PAGE DOWN.

I'M FAIRLY CERTAIN IT WAS ONE OF MY ACQUAINTANCES WHO SEALED IT.

I INTEND TO PAY THEM A VISIT.

SKREEE
HEH
A BAT USES THE NOISE HE MAKES TO LOCATE PREY IN ABSOLUTE DARKNESS.

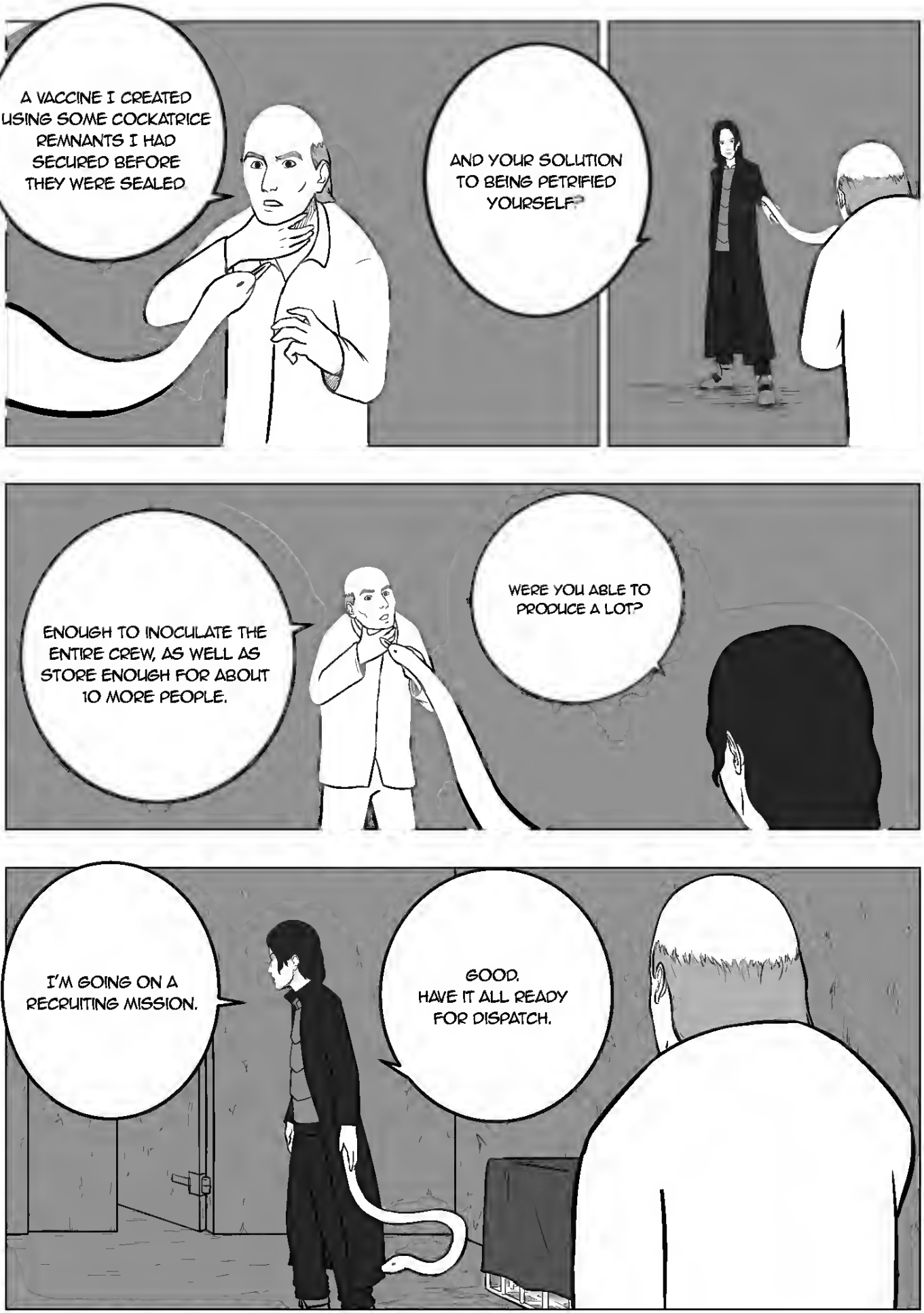
BY REPLACING THE CAMAZOTZ'S VOCAL CHORDS WITH A COCKATRICE'S...


WE GET A MUCH MORE DEADLY MONSTER CAPABLE OF PETRIFICATION.

CRASH

CHOP
CHOP
SWISH
SWISH
CHOP
CHOP
CRASH

SUH
SUH
SWISH
HMM—
FUH


A VACCINE I CREATED USING SOME COCKATRICE REMNANTS I HAD SECURED BEFORE THEY WERE SEALED
AND YOUR SOLUTION TO BEING PETRIFIED YOURSELF?
ENOUGH TO INOCULATE THE ENTIRE CREW, AS WELL AS STORE ENOUGH FOR ABOUT 10 MORE PEOPLE.
WERE YOU ABLE TO PRODUCE A LOT?
I'M GOING ON A RECRUITING MISSION.
GOOD. HAVE IT ALL READY FOR DISPATCH.

YOU ALREADY KNEW PETRIFICATION DIDN'T WORK ON ME.
TRY HARDER ON NEXT WEEK'S ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT.
OH, AND REGULUS?
BUT UNDERSTOOD
I WAS SIMPLY TESTING ANOTHER HYPOTHESIS
THE ROWDY ROOSTER

FOOD
FOOD
FOOD
FOOD

SOME ALE TO GET OVER YOUR TROUBLES?
SORRY TO HEAR IT.
SOMEONE COMPLETED THE JOB, JUST WASN'T US.
JUST A SKIRTROOT TEA FOR ME, THANKS.

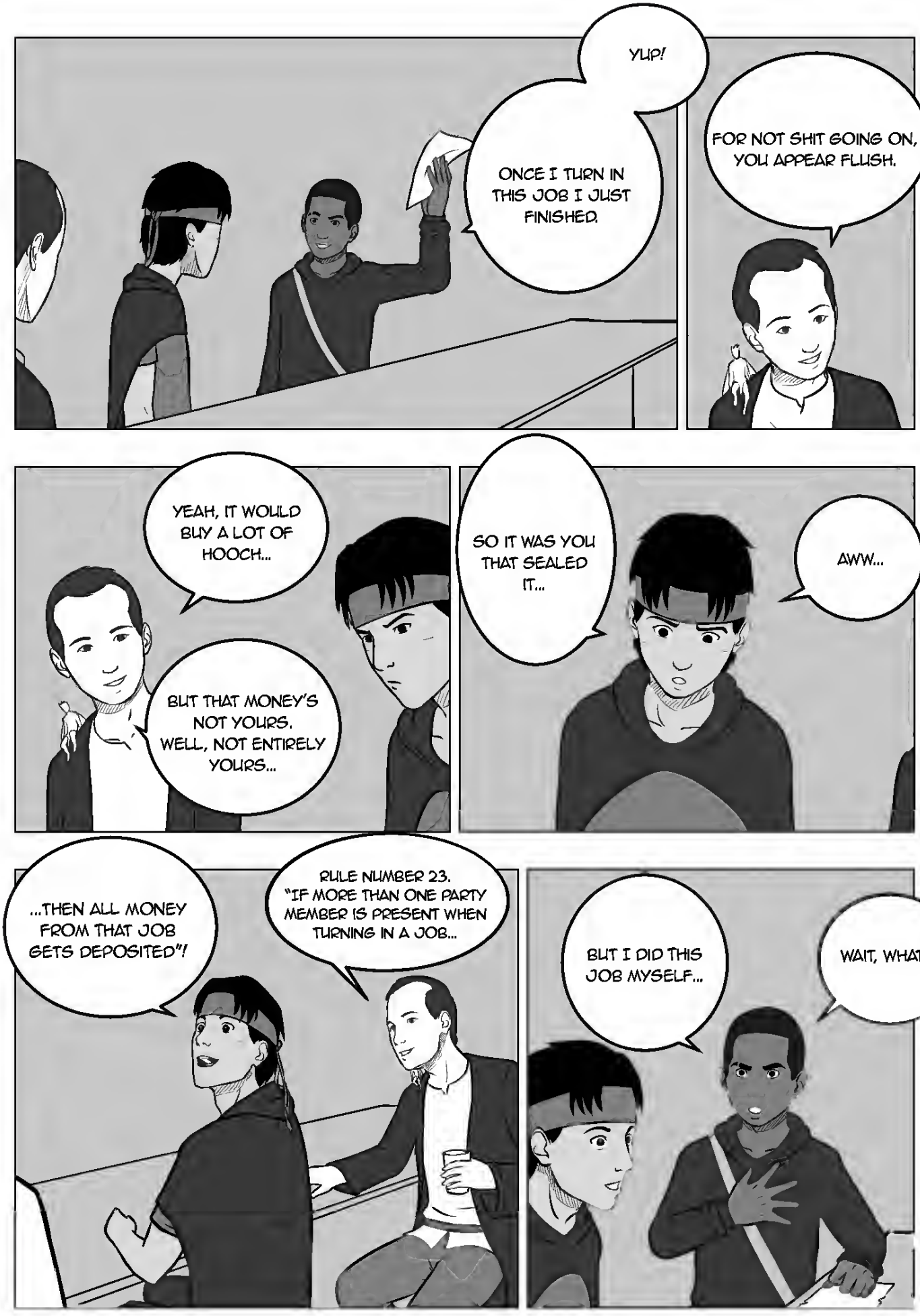
TWO ORDERS OF SAND CARROT AND FLAME POTATO STEW IT IS
BLEH

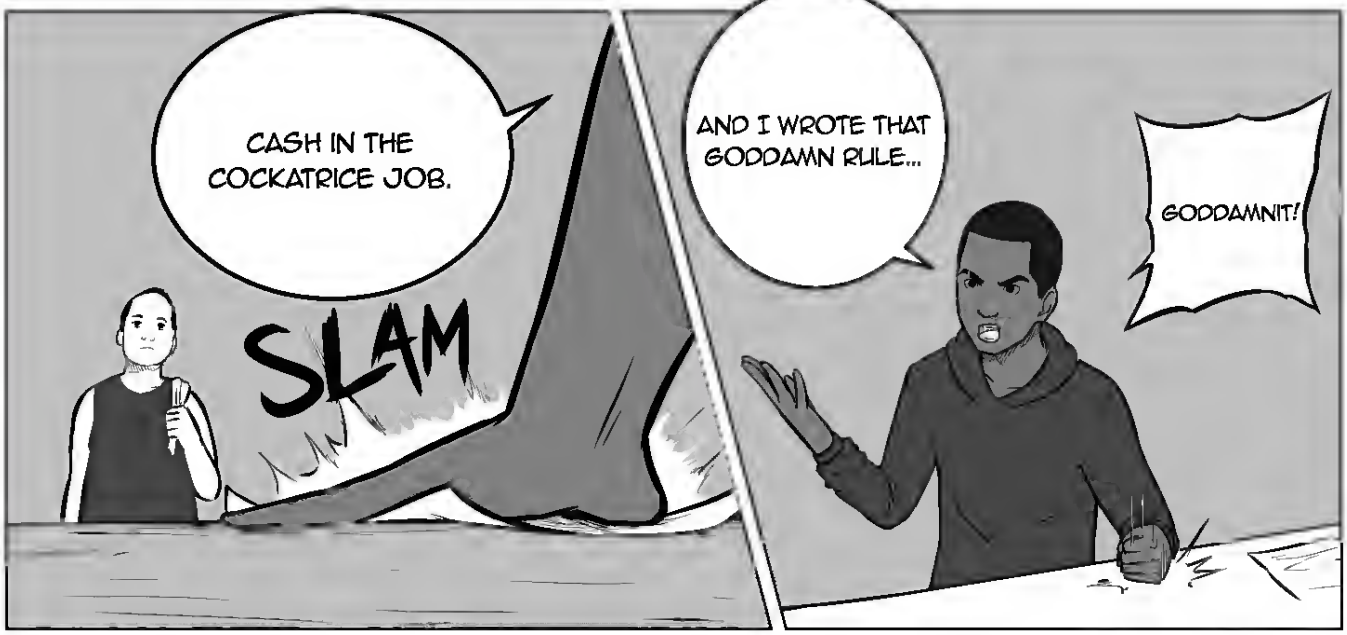
I'LL TAKE TWO SERVINGS OF WHATEVER YOUR KITCHEN IS STILL SERVING AT THIS HOUR.
RIGHT...

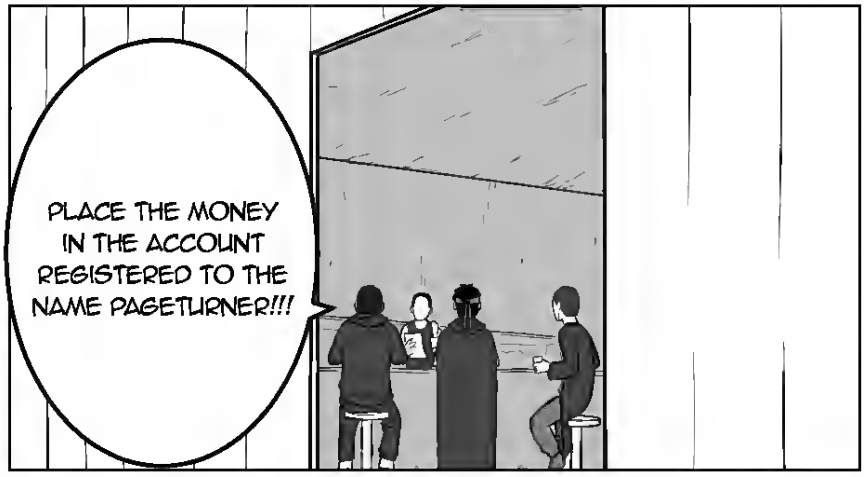
OH GREAT!

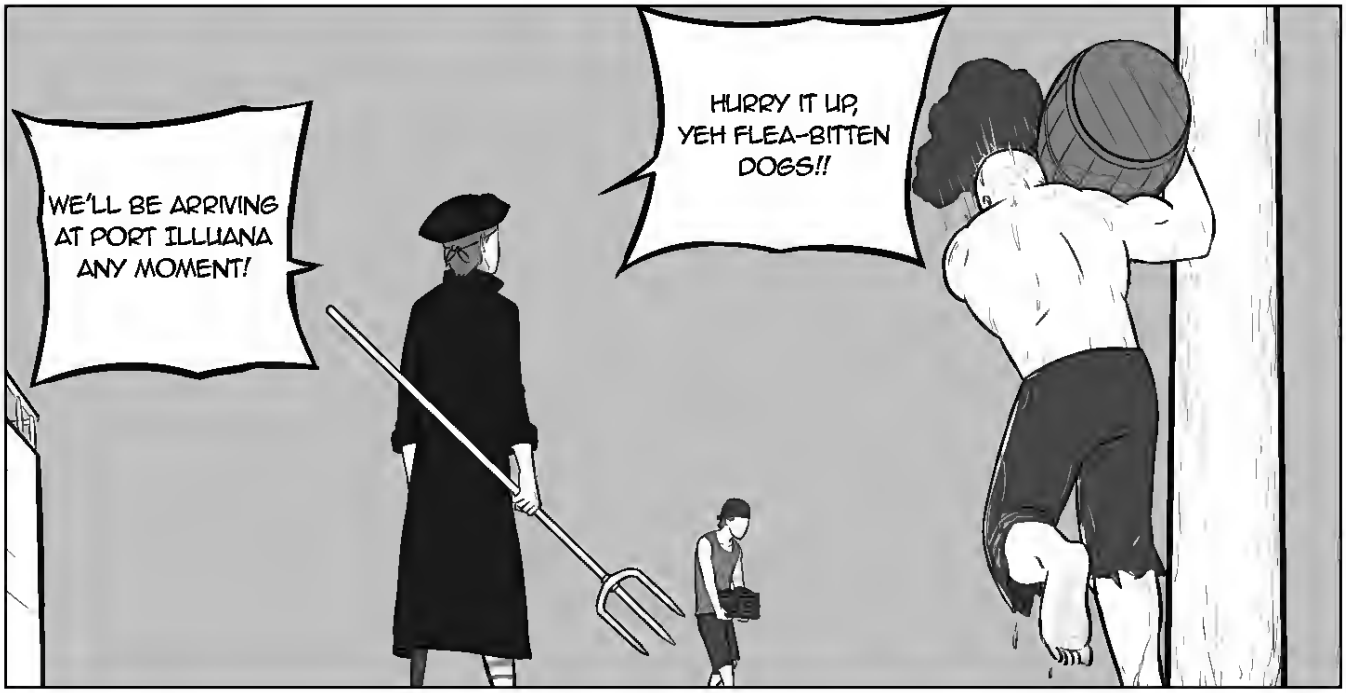
ALL THE SHIT I BEEN THROUGH, AND I GOTTA COME IN HERE AND SEE THIS MOTHERFUCKER?

WHAT'S UP, MENFREN?
ZEPHYR.
DON'T CALL ME THAT.
SO WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO?
SHIT.
SHOT GLASS. TOPSHELF DRINK. TIPPY-TOPSHELF.
AND LEAVE THE BOTTLE.
VOID.


ONCE I TURN IN THIS JOB I JUST FINISHED.
YUP!
FOR NOT SHIT GOING ON, YOU APPEAR FLUSH.
YEAH, IT WOULD BUY A LOT OF HOOCH...
BUT THAT MONEY'S NOT YOURS. WELL, NOT ENTIRELY YOURS...
SO IT WAS YOU THAT SEALED IT...
AWW...
...THEN ALL MONEY FROM THAT JOB GETS DEPOSITED"!
RULE NUMBER 23. "IF MORE THAN ONE PARTY MEMBER IS PRESENT WHEN TURNING IN A JOB...
BUT I DID THIS JOB MYSELF...
WAIT, WHAT?


CASH IN THE COCKATRICE JOB.
SLAM
AND I WROTE THAT GODDAMN RULE...
GODDAMNIT!


PLACE THE MONEY IN THE ACCOUNT REGISTERED TO THE NAME PAGETURNER!!!


WE'LL BE ARRIVING AT PORT ILLIANA ANY MOMENT!
HURRY IT UP, YEH FLEA-BITTEN DOGS!!

C-C-CAPTAIN?
BECAUSE HE'S MORE USE TO US FULLA PEP THAN TIRED OUT. 'SIDES, IF I HAD HIM DOIN' YER JOBS NONE OF YOU WOULD EVER DO A SHIT OF WORK.
KETSUMARU GET PAID TOO.
DON'T KNOW WHY KETSUMARU DOESN'T HELP.
L-LADY BETH?
YEAH, HE'S MUCH MORE USEFUL TO THE BOSS WELL RESTED WHEN THEY MAKE IT TO THE INN IN TOWN.
THUD

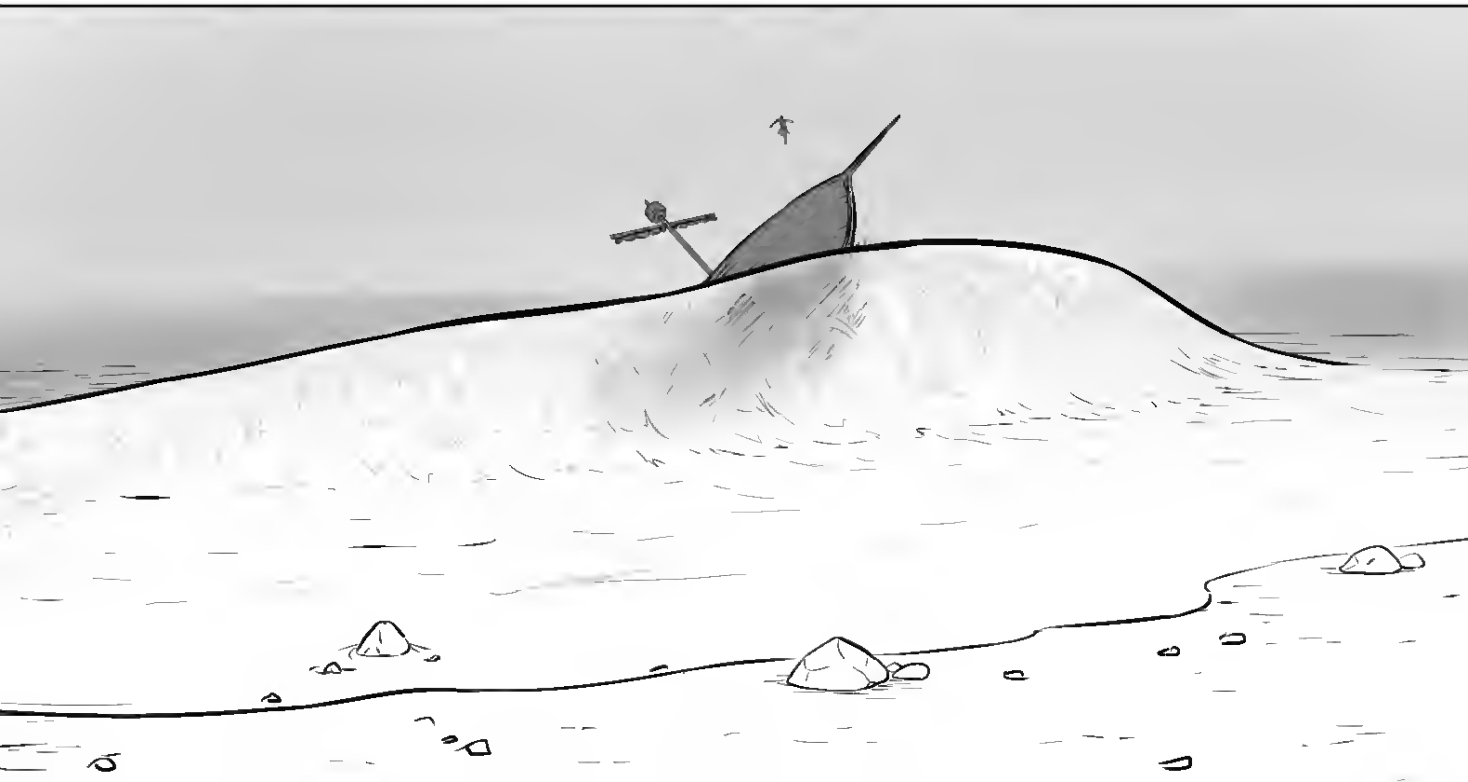
JUST A JOKE...
JUST BEHCAUSE YE CAN'T SHARE A ROOM WITHOUT POKIN' UP ON SOMEONE DON'T MEAN NO ONE ELSE CAN.
CAPTAIN?

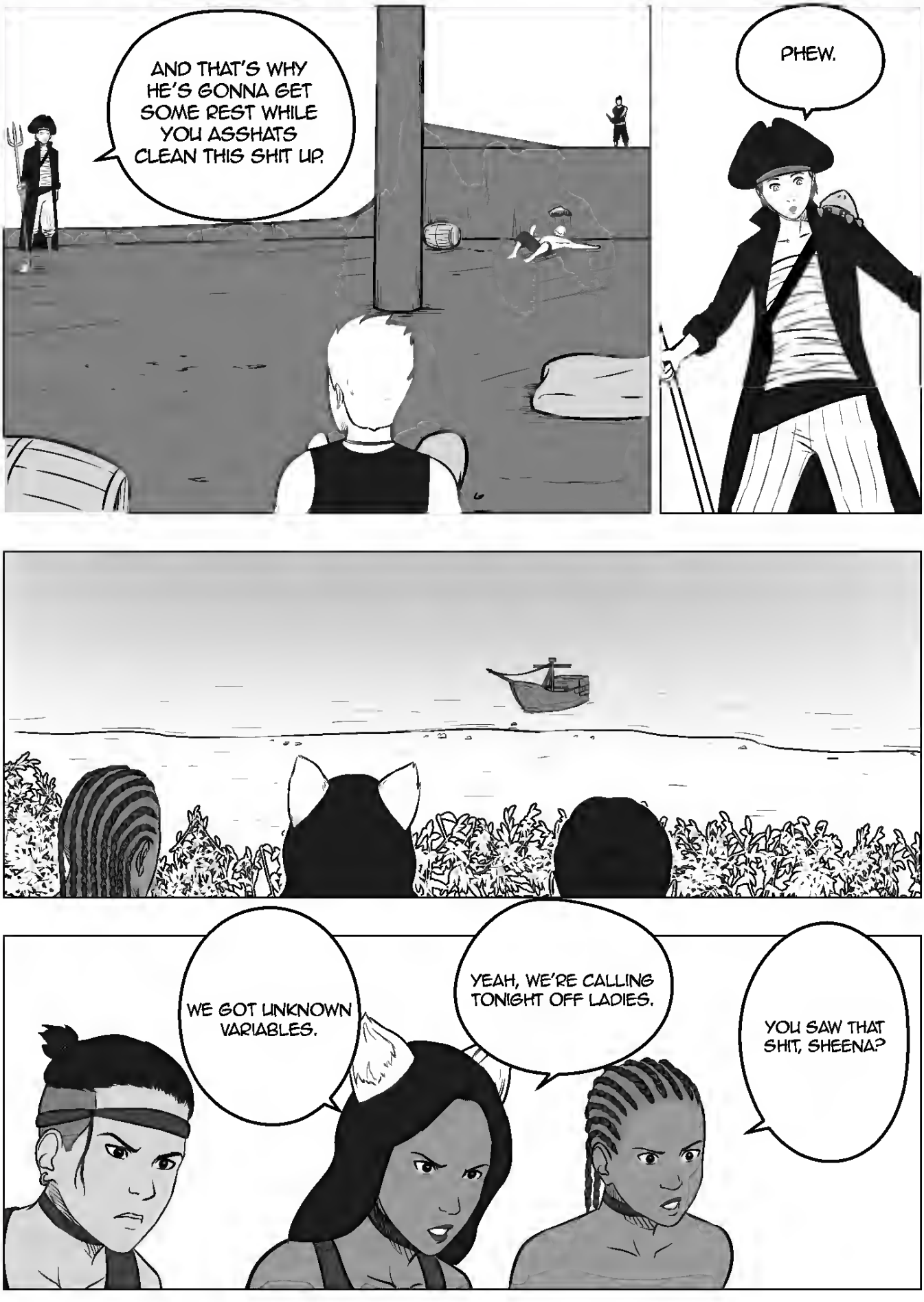
LAAADY BEEEEEETHH!!!
WHAT THE FECK IS IT THEN YA SCURVY-RIDDEN BRIEFCASE?!?

WE'RE COMING UP ON THE SHORE TOO FAST!!!!
SHOOOOOOOM
SHOOOM
SHIT!
GRAYJOY! CHILL THE FECK OUT!
SHOOOAH
FWIP
SHOOOO

KETSUMARU!
TAP
TAP
PLOP
ZAH

VASH




AND THAT'S WHY HE'S GONNA GET SOME REST WHILE YOU ASSHATS CLEAN THIS SHIT UP.
PHEW.
WE GOT UNKNOWN VARIABLES.
YEAH, WE'RE CALLING TONIGHT OFF LADIES.
YOU SAW THAT SHIT, SHEENA?

YOU'LL DO LIKE I SAID!
I SAY FUCK IT. WE TAKE THE SHIP, TOO.
WE'LL TEST THE NEWCOMERS IN THE MORNING.
WE RETURN TO CAMP.
CHAPTER 2 END